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Dear Sirs,

Referring to your letter of January 13, 1971, we are herewith enclosing

(1) 2 copies of our reply dated January 22, 1971 to the Official Action dated August 27, 1970;

(2) 2 copies of a new main claim as filed simultaneously;

(3) translation of item (2) in duplicate

In view of your comments of January 13, 1970, the new claim now filed was broadened generally along the wording of your suggested claim, whereby some features were omitted in view of Fig. 20 of French patent 1 349 992. Since your suggested claim appears however not to cover new Fig. 3, i.e. the embodiment without filter, the alternative reference to"a filter or a tobacco section" was retained in the claim. We trust that the claim 1 as filed will meet with your approval.

We also beg to enclose:

(4) our debit note in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

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